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MEDIA RELEASE

UPDATE

Date of Release: 2/20/2015
Released By: Chief Eric Atkinson
Incident: Bias Motivated Crime
Date: 2/18/2015
Case Number: 15-01398
Case Time: 3:16 PM
Address: 2013 2nd Avenue North
Faxed (Y or N): N
Faxed Time: Enter Faxed time

Suspect Description:

Joshua Travis Morrow m/w DOB 03/26/1988 213 16th Street NE Menomonie, WI 54751
Lucas Benjamin Franklin m/w DOB 06/14/1994 Motel 6 2100 Stout Street #138 Menomonie, WI 54751

Victim Information:

Melvin L. McGee m/b DOB 11/03/1989 2013 2nd Avenue North Menomonie, WI 54751
Nakiathan Ayon Andrew McGee m/b DOB 12/03/1995 2013 2nd Avenue North Menomonie, WI 54751

Details of Incident:

On February 18, 2015 at approximately 3:16 PM the Menomonie Police Department responded to a complaint of two male suspects that attempted to gain entry into the residence located at 2013 2nd Avenue North. During the attempt one of the suspects was stabbed by the resident of the property. Through the course of this investigation it was learned this was a hate motivated crime.

The two suspects were identified as Joshua Morrow and Lucas Franklin. Both Morrow and Franklin are Caucasian. The victims of the biased motivated crime were identified as Melvin McGee and Nakiathan McGee. Both Melvin McGee and Nakiathan McGee are African American.

Franklin and Morrow encountered Melvin and Nakiathan McGee at the SuperAmerica store located at 1903 Stout Road in the City of Menomonie. A verbal altercation ensued between the parties.

Melvin and Nakiathan McGee then fled the SuperAmerica to go to their residence at 2013 2nd Avenue

North. Franklin and Morrow pursued them in a vehicle. Upon Melvin and Nakiathan McGee reaching their home Melvin McGee ran inside of his house to retrieve a weapon while his brother was outside with Franklin and Morrow. Franklin and Morrow approached Nakiathan McGee who was inside of the attached garage. Franklin and Morrow threatened Nakiathan and verbally assaulted him with racial slurs.

As Melvin McGee attempted to close the garage door, Franklin and Morrow tried to get inside. Franklin held onto the garage door to try and open it to get inside. Melvin McGee then produced a knife and stabbed Franklin in the abdomen. Franklin and Morrow then fled in a vehicle that collided with another vehicle on 21st Street East at Stout Road. Morrow fled the scene of the accident on foot. Franklin remained with the vehicle injured from his stab wound.

Currently, Morrow is in custody at the Dunn County Jail being held on a Wisconsin Department of Corrections on a probation hold. Franklin is recovering from his injuries and is under guard.

This hate crime incident remains under investigation by the Menomonie Police Department and more information will follow as it becomes available.